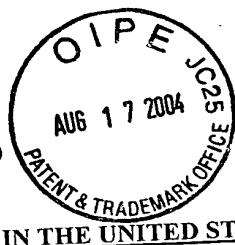


Docket No.: 28680.004.00



IPW

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION: **Andrea Piana, et al.**

GROUP ART UNIT: 1762

SERIAL NUMBER: 10/723,828

EXAMINER: E. C. Cameron

FILED: November 26, 2003

FOR: **METHODS, SYSTEMS AND COMPOSITIONS
FOR FIRE RETARDING SUBSTRATES**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.97

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- The Applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached PTO/ SB/08. A Copy of the listed references are attached, where required, as either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR § 1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- Attached is a list of applicant's pending applications or issued patents which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s) is attached along with PTO/ SB/08.
- A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR § 1.17(p).

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that

- each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
- no item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned, having made reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

PETITION

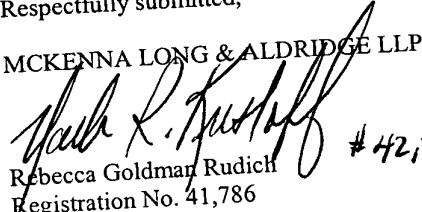
- Applicant(s) hereby request consideration of the attached information. A check is attached in the amount of the Petition fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(i)(1).

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

■ Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

MCKENNA LONG & ALDRIDGE LLP


Rebecca Goldman Rudich
Registration No. 41,786

#42,766

1900 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006
Telephone No: (202) 496-7500

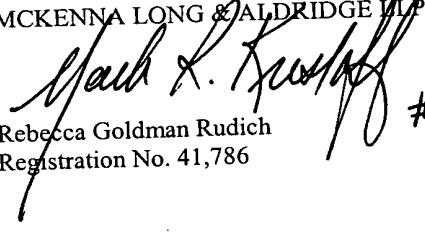
Date: August 17, 2004

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

■ Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

MCKENNA LONG & ALDRIDGE LLP

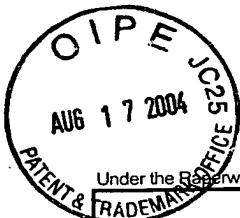

Rebecca Goldman Rudich
Registration No. 41,786

#42,766

1900 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006
Telephone No: (202) 496-7500

Date: August 17, 2004

BEST AVAILABLE COPY



PTO/SB/21 (08-03)
 Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

TRANSMITTAL FORM

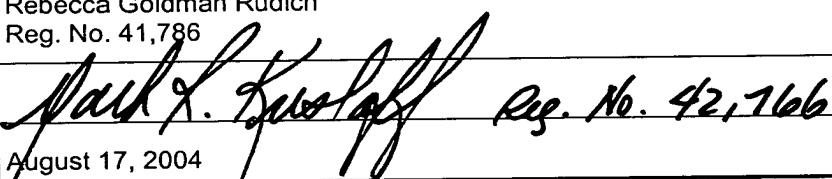
(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

		Application Number	10/723,828
		Filing Date	November 26, 2003
		First Named Inventor	Andrea Piana
		Art Unit	1762
		Examiner Name	E. C. Cameron
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	1	Attorney Docket Number	28680004.00

ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Group
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences
<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)
<input type="checkbox"/> After Final	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information
<input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation	<input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
<input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer	PTO/SB/08a/b
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund	Cited References
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application		
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53		
Remarks		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm or Individual name	MCKENNA LONG & ALDRIDGE LLP Rebecca Goldman Rudich Reg. No. 41,786
Signature	 Reg. No. 42,766
Date	August 17, 2004



Substitute for form 1449A/B/PTO				Complete if Known	
				Application Number	10/723,828
				Filing Date	November 26, 2003
				First Named Inventor	Andrea Piana
				Art Unit	1762
				Examiner Name	E. C. Cameron
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	28680.004.00

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)			
AA		US- 5,389,309	02/14/1995	LOPEZ	
AB		US-5,156,890	02/14/1995	ROCK	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Country Code ³ -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵ (if known)			
BA		JP-01233286	04/23/91	KANEBO LTD.	
BB		WO-02/06021 A2	01/24/02	LOPEZ, RICHARD	

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T ²
		INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT DATED May 18, 2004			

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Examiner Signature	Date Considered	
--------------------	-----------------	--